

(Washington, DC) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded the Monroe Township Fire Department \$142,595 and the East Brunswick Fire Department \$112,500. Monroe received the funding to help train and equip the department's personnel and East Brunswick received the funding to purchase new vehicles. Both fire departments successfully applied for the grant through DHS's "Assistance to Firefighters Grants" (AFG) program. Last year, department officials attended Holt's "Fire Grant Workshop" for assistance in applying.

"The Assistance to Firefighters Grants program provides direct support to fire departments seeking to improve their first responders' preparedness and ability to protect the health and safety of the public," Holt said. "I am always pleased to help local first responders obtain the funding they need to serve our communities, and glad to see the Monroe and East Brunswick Fire Departments receive this funding."

The grants were awarded to the Monroe and East Brunswick Fire Departments through a competitive process in which applications were evaluated by experts in fire service. The award goes towards personal protective equipment, training, wellness and fitness and safety modifications to the department's facilities, as well as vehicle acquisition.

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